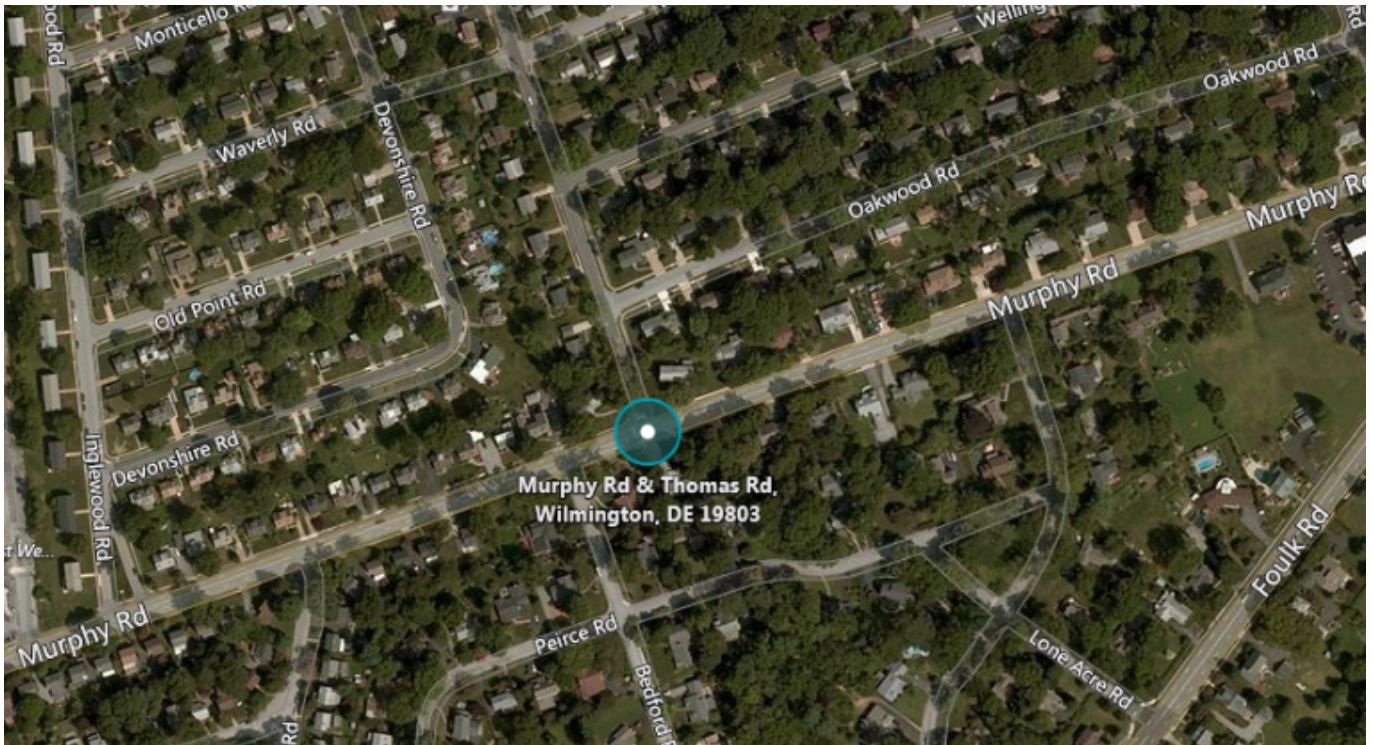


Troopers Investigating Fatal Crash-Wilmington



Wilmington (19803)- The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal motor vehicle crash that occurred last evening on Murphy Road east of Thomas Road.

The incident occurred on Friday, March 23, 2018 at approximately 8:55 p.m. as a 1997 Toyota Camry operated by a 53-year-old man of Wilmington was traveling westbound on Murphy Road approaching the intersection of Thomas Road. For unknown reasons, the Camry drifted off the north edge of the roadway and struck a raised curb. The Camry then proceeded to travel across several residential lawns and driveways before striking a large tree located in the front yard of a residence in the 200 block of Murphy Road.

The 53-year-old man was removed from the scene by EMS and transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was later pronounced deceased at 9:48 p.m. He was not properly

restrained and it is undetermined at this time if impairment is a factor on his behalf. Identification of the victim is pending notification of next of kin.

Murphy Road between Thomas Road and Jackson Boulevard was closed for approximately 3 hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The investigation into this collision remains ongoing by the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at debra.reed@delaware.gov.

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